

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
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§112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 10 and 11 are amended in the manner suggested in the Office Action to correct the typographical error. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

The §102(e) rejection of claims 9-13 in view of the Lee patent is respectfully traversed, for at least the reasons set forth herein.

The present invention involves a chassis of an electronic device (e.g., computer chassis) which includes a hinge-mounted bracket configured to hold mounted devices such as disk drives, hard drives, or the like. The devices are mounted on the bracket in a first plane, and the bracket is attached to the chassis using a hinge parallel to the first plane. In this way, the bracket can be rotated to an open position (shown in Figures 1-4, for example) to provide ready access cable connectors for the back of the mounted devices.

The Lee patent pertains to an appliance having EMI shielding. The Lee appliance is designed to have a two-part hinged chassis, rather than a chassis with a hinged bracket. In fact, Lee expressly states that "[t]he chassis 12 comprises a main or outer section 30, and a subchassis 32 hingedly connected to the main section 30 about a horizontal axis of rotation 34 (see FIG. 3)."¹ Moreover, it can be clearly seen from the figures in the Lee patent that the chassis of the Lee device is a two-part hinged chassis, rather than a chassis and a bracket. In support of this, it is respectfully submitted that subchassis 32 of the Lee device must be considered part of the chassis and cannot be properly characterized as a bracket since it is a required part of the chassis of the Lee device. The outer section 30 cannot be considered a chassis by itself because the Lee device could not be configured to have only the outer section 30 without the subchassis 32. Consequently, the Lee patent does not disclose a "chassis comprising ... a bracket," as recited in claim 9, or an electronic system comprising "a chassis [and] a bracket," as recited in claim 12.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Lee patent does not disclose the features of the present invention. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

¹ Lee, col. 3, lines 1-3.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly requested. In the event that issues arise in the application which may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the Gateway, Inc. attorney at (605)232-1967 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

It is believe that no additional fees are owed for this Amendment. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

10. (Once Amended) The electronic device chassis of claim 9, wherein said two or more devices are storage devices.

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11. (Once Amended) The electronic device chassis of claim 9, further comprising:
a locking structure for locking said bracket in a first position.

Claims 14-21 (New).